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## Billions in SB 1 Funding Approved for Congestion Relief, Freight and Local Projects

**Los Angeles** — Caltrans today announced that \$2.7 billion in competitive grants funded through the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) were awarded to 64 projects throughout California to tackle congestion, support valuable trade corridors and bolster local agency efforts to invest in transportation. These three programs, the Solutions for Congested Corridors, Trade Corridor Enhancement and Local Partnership Programs are vital infrastructure improvement programs created by SB 1.

“California is expected to keep growing, both economically and in population,” said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. “These projects funded by SB 1 will help to ensure that we can keep our economy moving and growing, and ease commutes for our residents so they can move efficiently between destinations.”

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved the grants for these three competitive grants during their May commission meeting in San Diego:

### Local Partnership Competitive Program

The CTC awarded approximately \$309 million to 27 projects to fund transportation improvements valued at more than \$1.7 billion. This funding represents three years (fiscal years 2017-20) of matching funds for local entities that have already chosen to make their own investments in transportation.

The Local Partnership Program (LPP) was created by SB 1 to provide counties, cities and regional transportation agencies that have passed sales tax measures, developer fees or other voter-approved transportation fees with additional support for local projects from the State. The LPP creates a continuous appropriation of \$200 million annually to fund road maintenance and rehabilitation, sound walls and other transportation improvement projects. These funds are distributed through a 50 percent statewide competitive component and a 50% formula component. The recipients of the formula component were finalized in [March](#).

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Local projects receiving funding include:

- **The Vista Canyon Metrolink Station Project in Los Angeles County-** This \$28.2 million project will construct a new Metrolink Station in the city of Santa Clarita, adding new railroad track; signal improvements; drainage improvements; a 25,000 square foot center platform; grade-separated pedestrian access; construct a new parallel rail track and rail bridge; and install new rail signal.

The final approved project list, by county, for the Local Partnership Program Competitive Program can be found at

[http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lpp/docs/2018\\_Adopted\\_CompetitiveLPP.pdf](http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lpp/docs/2018_Adopted_CompetitiveLPP.pdf) .

More information on the Local Partnership Program can be found on the CTC's [SB 1 Local Partnership Program web page](#).

## **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program**

SB 1 created the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, which provides \$250 million annually for multimodal corridor plans that make performance improvements along the state's busiest highways. Approved projects and plans provide more transportation choices while preserving the character of the local community and creating opportunities for neighborhood enhancement projects.

The CTC approved four years' worth of funding (Fiscal years 2017-18 to 2020-21) totaling approximately \$1 billion to nine projects statewide as part of this program. These projects are valued at approximately \$3.5 billion.

Area projects receiving funding include:

- **The Airport Metro Connector 96th Street Transit Station Project In Los Angeles County-** This \$525.2 million project will create a multimodal transit station with a light rail station, transit station/terminal building, bus plaza, bicycle hub, pedestrian plaza, and passenger pick-up and drop-off.

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- **The Foothill Blvd. Master Plan Green Streets Improvements Project in Los Angeles County-** This \$16 million project in the city of Claremont will provide street improvements to a 2.5-mile, four-lane divided corridor along Foothill Blvd. to include: closing a 2,300 ft. sidewalk gap; installation of 2.35 miles of Class II bicycle lanes and 1.5 miles of cycle track; curb extensions; pedestrian enhancements; improvements to lighting and signage; and bus stop improvements.

The final approved project list, by county, for the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program can be found at

[http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/sccp/docs/2018\\_Adopted\\_SCCP.pdf](http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/sccp/docs/2018_Adopted_SCCP.pdf) .

More information on the program can be found on the CTC's [SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program web page](#).

## **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program**

California is the nation's largest gateway for international trade and domestic commerce, and freight movement generates about a third of California's \$2.2 trillion economy. Because of its importance and expected growth, SB 1 provides \$300 million annually for projects related to the routes and transportation infrastructure vital to California's trade and freight economy. Three years' worth of funding (fiscal years 2017-20) totaling approximately \$1.4 billion was awarded to 28 projects, valued at more than \$4 billion.

Projects receiving funding include:

- **The State Route 34 (Fifth St.) Rice Avenue Grade Separation Project in Ventura County-** This \$79 million project will grade separate the existing overcrossing and widen it from four lanes to six lanes; and install connector roads, signals, and sidewalks.
- **The I-5 (Golden State Freeway) Chokepoint Relief Project in Los Angeles County-** This \$539.2 million project will add truck lanes, HOV lanes, auxiliary lanes, sound walls, and an ITS hub station. It will also widen seven bridges and improve access to a weigh station.

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- **The State Route 57/60 Confluence Project: Choke Point Relief Program-**  
This \$288.6 million project will provide east bound improvements, including interchange modifications, auxiliary lanes and three new bridges.

The final approved project list, by county, for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program can be found at [http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/tcep/docs/2018\\_Adopted\\_TCEP.pdf](http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/tcep/docs/2018_Adopted_TCEP.pdf) .

More information on the program can be found on the CTC's [SB 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program web page](#).

The Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB 1), the landmark transportation infrastructure bill signed by Governor Brown in April 2017, invests \$54 billion over the next decade to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California and puts more dollars toward transit and safety. These funds will be split equally between state and local investments. For complete details on SB 1, visit <http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/>.

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